GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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NEW ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS MOLECULE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the partnership between a private sector company and 4 R & D public sector institutions discovered a new Anti-Tuberculosis Molecule called `Sudoterb` ;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to permit/allow the clinical trials in human subjects for further study of its results; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): The Investigational New Drug (IND) Expert Committee at Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) recommended Phase I human clinical trial for the drug SUDOTERB (Anti-TB agent) in December, 2004. Subsequently, Phase I clinical trial was permitted. Currently, the drug is undergoing Phase I human clinical trial in the country.